



## POLITICS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR COURTROOMS

The rule of law is the cornerstone of democracy and we rely on our courts to uphold it. So it is no exaggeration to say that the future of democracy is at stake when partisan or political interests seek to seize control of our courts. And they are doing precisely that!

The threat is all too real. Our courts and judges are under siege for doing their job —deciding cases based on the evidence and the law, and not on the basis of some preconceived political agenda or ideology. And the politicians and special interests don't like it. They would have you believe any ruling that doesn't go their way is "judicial activism."

Unlike our representatives in the legislature, we depend on our judges to stand apart from politics and partisan ideas, and to focus on the fair resolution of our problems and disputes under the Constitution and laws. Judges should not be subject to influence by special interests, or fear losing their job because powerful outside groups dislike a particular decision.



## IT IS TIME FOR US TO STAND UP FOR FAIR AND IMPARTIAL COURTS

Our courts have demonstrated the ability to uphold our basic rights with fair and impartial rulings based solely on the Constitution and laws. It is up to you as a voter to help keep it that way.

- ✓ Inform yourself about your state's courts and judges.
- ✓ Vote for judges based on their character, integrity, fairness and willingness to decide cases based on the law.

## OUR DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON IT





## The National Association of Women Judges "Informed Voters - Fair Judges" Project

is a non-partisan program to inform voters about how to make sure our judges are fair and impartial. Its goal is to inform citizens about the judicial system and to ensure that judges are elected on the basis of their character and ability. Politics and special interests should have no place in American courts.



“When a judge does what is right according to the law, when a judge decides each case strictly on the merits, when a judge gives every case and every person the same treatment, our courts are what they have always been and must always be... fair and free.”

*From “Fair and Free” featuring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Ret.*

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